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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On September 21, 2007 at approximately 2:00 pm, detectives with the San Antonio Police Department's Repeat Offender Program (ROP) were at 7221 Lamb Dr., looking for a suspect wanted in connection with a shooting that occurred yesterday, 09-20-07 (Ref. Case #70-728703). In the listed shooting, Tanya Garay, 29, was shot in the leg by a known male acquaintance. Last night, detectives applied for and were granted an arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon for the above shooting suspect.

Today, Detectives received information that the suspect was in apartment located at 7221 Lamb Dr. Detectives, along with uniformed officers, converged on the apartment complex to arrest the suspect. As the officers were making their way to the apartment the suspect was spotted and a foot chase ensued. As officers were giving chase, the suspect produced a shotgun and fired one round striking Detective Mario Moreno. After striking Detective Moreno, the suspect retreated into apartment #1807 with uniformed officers converging. As officers were extracting Detective Moreno from the scene, the suspect could be heard yelling "I can see you, are you ready". Seconds later, the suspect exited the apartment, armed with the same shotgun used to shoot Detective Moreno, and engaged the officers. Several uniformed officers and plain clothes detectives fired multiple shots striking the suspect, stopping his advance. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detective Moreno was taken to University Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2:26 pm. Detective Mario Moreno, 37-years old, is an 11 year veteran officer recently promoted and assigned to the ROP unit. He is the 48th San Antonio Police Officer killed in the line of duty. He leaves behind a wife, Alena, and son Nicholas, 11, and daughter Elizabeth, 3.

Funeral arrangements for Detective Moreno will be announced once finalized.

The suspect's identity will be released once formally identified and next of kin notified.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, all officers who fired their weapon will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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